

We claim:

1. An operating panel configuration for an electrical domestic appliance, the operating panel configuration comprising:

a control circuit being a functional unit having at least one component selected from the group consisting of operating elements, control elements, switching elements, and display elements, said control circuit having a circuit front side; and

an operating panel having a single opening formed therein receiving said control circuit, said operating panel having a panel front side adapted to a configuration of said circuit front side of said control circuit.

2. The operating panel configuration according to claim 1, wherein said control circuit is a control module in which all functions which are relevant in terms of control procedures and all operating and display elements including mechanical and optical functional elements are integrated.

3. The operating panel configuration according to claim 2, further comprising a power switch integrated into said control module.

4. The operating panel configuration according to claim 2, wherein said circuit front side of said control module is adapted to said panel front side.

5. The operating panel configuration according to claim 2, wherein said control front side of said control module has a region for information.

6. The operating panel configuration according to claim 5, wherein said region is provided with at least one of text and symbols.

7. The operating panel configuration according to claim 5, wherein said region has a display for changing items of information.

8. The operating panel configuration according to claim 1, wherein:

said component is one of a plurality of components forming said control circuit; and

said operating panel does not contain any of said components.